

### Metropolitan Transport Projects

1058. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments had approached the Railways for building the metropolitan transport projects;

(b) if so, whether the Government have admitted that State Governments are not willing to provide funds in implementing these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether one of the main reasons to provide funds is that unless the States share the burden equally, the Railways are not in a position to undertake this project;

(e) if so, the details of the States which have shown interest and how many of them have given consent to share the funds;

(f) whether in view of the poor response from the States, the Ministry has dropped the proposal; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the State Government had approached Railways for constructions of Metropolitan Transport Projects.

(b) Some State Governments have expressed their inability in providing funds for implementing the MTP projects.

(c) A meeting was called by Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment on 23.3.96 in Nirman Bhavan with West Bengal Government for setting up Calcutta Metro Rail Corporation with the participation of the State Government for operation and maintenance of Calcutta Metro. Representatives of Government of West Bengal stated that they are not in a position to share the cost of such large projects including the cost of assets.

(d) With a sharp reduction in budgetary support for their developments plans, the Railways had approached the States to participate in the projects on cost sharing basis as the Railways are not in a position to bear the full cost of the Metropolitan Projects which are highly capital intensive yielding very low rate of return. Moreover, the main beneficiary of such rail borne intra-urban transport systems, is the city where such systems are installed. It is therefore, only logical that the State Government should bear major part of the cost of such projects.

(e) Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of Maharashtra had sent their proposals on cost sharing basis for extension/expansion of the existing suburban projects to the Railways.

(f) and (g) Under the Revised Allocation of Business Rules 1986, new proposals for rail based urban transport projects are now to be processed and approved by Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employments and State Government concerned.

### Transfer of Officials in the ESI Corporation

1059. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the instructions issued by the Government of India relating to policy of rotational transfer of officers holding sensitive posts for not more than three years are strictly being followed in the Employees State Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so, whether these instructions are also applicable to officers working in the Vigilance Division of the ESI Corporation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The ESI Corporation is a statutory and autonomous body set up under the ESI Act, 1948. In the matters of transfer/posting of staff full powers vest in the ESI Corporation. However, the instructions issued by the Govt. of India in this regard are also generally followed by the ESI Corporation. In the case of certain Regional Directorates and Vigilance Division, Officers are required to be persons of high calibre and proven integrity. As such change in incumbency in the said offices are carried out depending upon job-requirements and other administrative exigencies.

[Translation]

### Bribe Taken by Railway Police Personnel

1060. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from the passengers getting down at New Delhi Railway Station regarding Railway Police Personnel taking bribe from them in connivance with agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that passengers are implicated in false cases by the said agents in connivance with railway police personnel; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No complaint in this regard has been received by the Railways during the year 1996.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

### International recognition for Radars

1061. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA

SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the radars installed at various airports do not have international recognition;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any person has been held responsible in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

### Railway Hospitals

1062. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Railway hospitals opened during each of the last three years, location-wise;

(b) the details of the Railway hospitals under construction at present, location-wise; and

(c) the time by which these hospitals are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) One each at Nishatpura and Amla on Central Railway and one at Tinsukia on Northeast Frontier Railway.

(b) One at Pune, One at Ambala Cantt and one at Sambhalpur on Central, Northern and South Eastern Railways respectively.

(c) At Pune in 1997-98, at Ambala Cantt by April '97 and at Sambhalpur by April '98.

### Pension Scheme

1063. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Provident Fund Subscribers opted for under Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 as on date;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the said scheme as on date;

(c) the number of applications seeking pension after superannuation/retirement under the said scheme are pending with the concerned authorities as on date; and

(d) the plans initiated by the concerned authorities to disburse the pension?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 was enforced w.e.f. 16.11.1995. The scheme is compulsory for all the employees who have been members of the ceased Family Pension Scheme, 1971. It is also compulsory for the persons who became members of the Provident Fund on or after 16.11.95. As on 14.2.97, pension under the new scheme has been disbursed among 1,09,209 beneficiaries.

(c) 15,684 (As on 31.12.96).

(d) In order to ensure disbursement of pension on regular basis, necessary agreement has been made by the EPF Organisation with the nationalised banks. A massive computerisation programme has also been launched for providing prompt service to the EPF subscribers.

### Survey Report of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Sabarimala Rail Line

1064. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of survey of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Erumely-Sabarimala railway line has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work has been included in the Budget 97-98 to be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances.

### Investment of Provident Fund

1065. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to allow investment of provident fund money in selected private sector bonds and debentures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard and have also consulted the Central Trade Unions regarding this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Air Crashes

1066. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of air crashes taken place during this year, so far;

(b) the number of persons killed therein;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the family members of the deceased;

(d) the value of property lost therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such crashes in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) During 1997 (till date) there has been one accident of Indian Civil registered aircraft belonging